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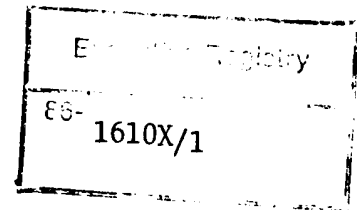
REFERENCE: Attached Letter from Shultz

Shultz has asked your help in convincing Cohen, Murkowski, McConnell, Bentsen and Eagleton to support the Saudi arms sale.

As much as we might want to help on this issue, it is an overt foreign policy matter and therefore falls outside the scope of appropriate activity for the intelligence community. On the other hand, rather than send Shultz a negative response, I suggest we send no response at all. The letter does not require one.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON



April 23, 1986

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your note regarding Lee Hamilton's comments on the Saudi arms sale. We are working hard to present our case to HFAC as well as individual Congressmen who we feel might be helpful. Dick Murphy is scheduled to discuss Saudi arms with the Hamilton Subcommittee on Tuesday, April 22, and the White House has begun to focus its efforts more closely on the sale. The President has informed Senator Dole that, if necessary, he will veto a resolution of disapproval. We need, however, to firm up support in the Senate and to try to bring back some of the Senators who have signed onto the Cranston bill. Any calls which you might wish to make to Senators with whom you work would certainly be useful. Our research suggests that Senators Cohen, Murkowski, McConnell, Bensten and Eagleton on the Intelligence Committee might be most open to our arguments.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Shultz".

George P. Shultz

The Honorable
William J. Casey,
Director of Central Intelligence.